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Thank you for your consideration in reference to Application No. 09/656,563 filed September 7, 2000. I apologize for the delay in your request for a copy of the check that was mailed to the Patent Office on December 15, 2000. I have included with this fax coversheet the following documents:

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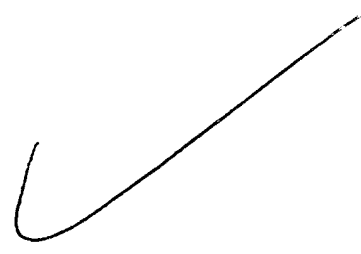
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REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF FILING RECEIPT

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June 28, 2002

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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on April 4, 2002. To date, we have not received the filing receipt, but have now received an Official Action.

Applicants wish to point out an error in the filing date awarded this application. The United States Patent and Trademark Office database lists the filing date of the above-identified application as April 9, 2002. See the attached PAIR printout. The actual filing date was April 4, 2002 as evidenced by the accompanying date-stamped postcard receipt.

Please issue a filing receipt, or a duplicate thereof with the correct filing date of April 4, 2002, as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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